

Morning

PUBLISHES FULL ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT



Astorian.

COVERS THE MORNING FIELD ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA

33rd YEAR. NO. 105

ASTORIA, OREGON, FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1908

PRICE FIVE CENTS

THE PAPER COMBINE

John Norris Continues His Testimony

ON THE STAND ALL DAY

For a Short Time He Was Excused to Allow General Angus to Testify

MANUFACTURERS' CONTRACTS

Some Publishers "Do Not Seem Anxious to Attend the Hearing But They Will be Forced to Attend and Give Their Testimony."

WASHINGTON, April 30.—A mass of data bearing on what he charged to be a combination of the paper makers to raise the prices and restrict the production was furnished today by John Norris representing the American newspaper publishers' association to a special house committee. Norris with the exception of a short time was on the stand all day.

During the time Norris was excused, General Angus, of the Baltimore American testified regarding his various contracts with the paper manufacturers and said that on January 1 last he was forced to pay \$12 per ton more for paper than he did last year. He related the conversation he had today with a representative of the International Paper Company in which he was told that if the tariff on print paper was removed he would be given a reduced rate. At the close of the day's session Chairman Mann stated that apparently some of the publishers were not as anxious to attend the hearing as they had originally appeared to be but he said he would force their presence and secure their testimony.

FATHER OF BASEBALL DEAD.

Reminds Spaulding About Monument in His Will.

NEW YORK, April 30.—"I remind A. G. Spaulding of his promise to me that a monument shall be erected over my grave in Greenwood Cemetery."

That statement appears in the will of Henry Chadwick, which has been filed for probate in Brooklyn yesterday. Mr. Chadwick, who died on April 20 was known as "The Father of Baseball." His estate which it is said in the will is valued at \$500 in real state and \$500 in personal property is left to his widow.

DELEGATES NAMED.

BALTIMORE, April 30.—The state republican convention today named four delegates to the national convention.

DIRECTOR OF METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE EXPECTED

NEW YORK, April 30.—Guillermo Gatti-Casazza, the new director of the Metropolitan Opera House, is to arrive tomorrow on the Lusitania, it was announced last night at the opera house. It has been expected that he would arrive on April 25 and Mr. Conried waited until after that date in order to meet him. Now, however, the new director will not meet

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. Making Arrangements for Oriental Traffic.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Fred A. Miller, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Jas. H. Hilland, traffic director for the same roads, have returned from Japan. They went there to make arrangements with Japanese steamship companies for future passenger and freight service connections at Seattle, the western terminal to which the extensions of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road is steadily reaching. They practically completed a deal with the Osaka Shosha Kaisha, a Japanese Steamship Company, which will put on the run to Seattle next summer six passenger steamships which are under construction. This arrangement was approved by the Board of Directors of the Japanese company and the promise made that additional steamships including freighters would be put on so as to have a complete service in time for the Japanese world's fair in 1912.

WIRELESS.

U. S. S. KANSAS, AT SEA, April 30.—At 5:30 o'clock the fleet was about 30 miles from Port Harford, steaming northwest in fleet column. The fleet is maintaining its standard of speed and is on schedule time.

TRANSMUTATION

Of Silver and Baser Metals Into Gold.

CAN PRODUCE FINER METAL

Secret Process of Rudolph M. Hunter Who Says he Will Manufacture 24 Karat Gold at the Rate of \$100,000,000 Annually.

CHICAGO, April 30.—The Record-Herald today says:

Eighteen months hence, Rudolph M. Hunter says, he will be manufacturing 24 karat gold at the rate of \$100,000,000 annually. Transmutation of silver and baser metals into gold is his secret and he declares he can produce the finer metal in quality to defy the government experts as to its origin, and in quantity to keep the Philadelphia mint busy the year round.

Mr. Hunter is in Chicago attending to the final details of getting a huge plant at Philadelphia into operation. Behind rock walls, without windows and with a single door to the turreted and feudal like castle which is to house a half million dollars worth of delicately tuned machinery, this modern wizard promises to revolutionize the gold crop of the world.

"We are now at the point of putting into commercial execution the result of years of toil, thought and experimenting," said Mr. Hunter, last night. "The last demonstration has been given that is necessary to prove that my invention is scientifically and commercially correct and the completion of the plant which is to begin at once, will mark the beginning of a new

epoch in the commercial history of the world."

Mr. Hunter is an inventor and engineer of standing in the scientific world. During his career he has produced and patented hundreds of ideas, notably in the electrical field. His patents cover the trolley, conduit and electric accumulator system of traction now in use.

The inventor, he said, to submit his building plans to a select coterie of Chicago business men, two of whom are bank presidents, who, with New York and Philadelphia financiers are furnishing the necessary funds for the erection of the building and apparatus which is to turn a flood of gold into the government at an original cost of ten cents on the dollar.

TRAIN ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH CURRENCY

THE EXPRESS MESSENGER WAS OVERPOWERED

The Robbery Was Committed Near Walker's Station, a Particularly Lonely and Rough Section of the Country

MESSENGER IS UNABLE TO HELP SECRET SERVICE FORCES

It is Known That the Four Bags All Sealed and Containing Money Were Taken From the Car But Nothing is Known as to the Amount Contained in Any of the Bags—The Train is One of the Most Important on the Road and Carries Much Currency.

PITTSBURG, April 30.—Two train robbers who evidently boarded the New York and St. Louis express on the Panhandle Railroad of the Pennsylvania Railroad of Pennsylvania system at Union Station this city when the train left at 10:50 tonight, overpowered the express messenger and got away with four bags of currency contained an amount as yet unknown.

The robbery was committed near Walker's Station, a particularly lonely and rough section of the country about 11 miles west of this city. The train, one of the fastest on the road which is not scheduled to stop between here and Steubenville, Ohio, was brought to a sudden halt by an emergency signal from the bell cord, and when Conductor Lafferty went forward to learn the trouble he found the Adams express messenger, N. Goshen, bound and gagged in the express car and so frightened that he could not give any connected report of what had happened.

Except that both the robbers were white, the express messenger is un-

able to give any identification that would aid the secret service forces of the railroad and city and county detectives, all of whom have been called out to work on the case.

The express safe was open according to information received here and the messenger was making up bills for packages received from local offices and the robbery accomplished in a very short distance from the place where the robbers left the train, report having seen the express messenger at work in his car and the two men on the platform on the outside of the car. It is known that four bags, all sealed and containing money were taken from the car, but nothing is known as to the amount contained in any of the bags. The train is one of the most important on the road and carries much currency and other express matter from New York and intermediate stations to the west. There is dense woods near Walker's Station where the robbers pulled the bell and left the train and into this woods the robbers disappeared.

FLEET AT SAN LUIS OBISPO

SAN LUIS OBISPO, April 30.—The Pecho range which surrounds San Luis Bay, was crowded with sightseers at an early hour this morning. The beach, public wharves at Avala and Port San Luis and the house-tops were covered with a mass of seething humanity. After waiting several hours the smoke of the sixteen battleships were sighted shortly before noon. There was a great shout from the crowd as the battleships maneuvered around a little gasoline launch in San Luis Bay. At 2:45 the Connecticut, which was in the lead turned her nose for Monterey, passing beyond the breakwaters shortly afterwards. The last battleship passed the lighthouse at four o'clock.

epoch in the commercial history of the world."

Mr. Hunter is an inventor and engineer of standing in the scientific world. During his career he has produced and patented hundreds of ideas, notably in the electrical field. His patents cover the trolley, conduit and electric accumulator system of traction now in use.

The inventor, he said, to submit his building plans to a select coterie of Chicago business men, two of whom are bank presidents, who, with New York and Philadelphia financiers are furnishing the necessary funds for the erection of the building and apparatus which is to turn a flood of gold into the government at an original cost of ten cents on the dollar.

UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATES.

PORTLAND, Me., April 30.—Four delegates were today chosen by the state republican convention to go to the Chicago convention. They were uninstructed. Without attempting to instruct the convention expressed itself favorable to Taft for the Presidency.

DECLINE IN TRAFFIC.

Idle Freight Cars Increase 70,000 in a Fortnight.

CHICAGO, April 30.—A startling decline in railroad traffic during April is shown in the bi-weekly statement of car surpluses and shortages issued yesterday by the car efficiency committee of the American Railway Association. The statement which is regarded as an excellent business barometer portrays conditions up to April 15 on 153 roads of the United States and Canada.

During the fortnight following April 1, the number of idle cars suddenly mounted from 307,507 to 375,770, the greatest total in the history of American railroads. The figures bear out the statements of railroad men that during the month of April business conditions have been at a lower ebb than at any time during the year.

The highest previous surplus figure was on February 5 when it reached what was then considered the immense total of 343,928.

LIFE LONG RULE.

Causes Suffering to Widow of a Man Who Never Discussed His Affairs

CHICAGO, April 30.—A life-long rule never to discuss money affairs with his wife was not broken by P. S. Williams on his death bed at Waukegan, yesterday. Now Mrs. Williams is wondering what her husband did with his savings. It is known that he invested in a stock of a coffee plantation. Its name is a mystery. Williams, who was a foreman of air gates on the Milwaukee branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad had been ill for several days. When his condition became serious he seemed to be trying to tell where his money was. As a result of Williams' fixed habit his widow is practically without funds while she knows that she should be entitled to a considerable sum of money.

FATAL CONFLICT.

Fort de France, Island Martinique, April 30.—A serious and fatal conflict took place today between the hostile groups of politicians in connection with the present municipal campaign. A band of men led by Vice-Mayor Labat engaged in an armed conflict with another band under the leadership of Mayor Severe. The Mayor was killed and several others also lost their lives and a number of persons were wounded.

SUNDRY CIVIC BILL

Consideration of It Resumed in the House Today

NEWLAND'S WATERWAYS BILL

The Sub-Committee Which Has Had the Bill in Charge Has Cut Down the Amount of the Appropriation From \$50,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The consideration of the sundry civil bill was resumed in the house today.

Townsend of Michigan offered an amendment of increasing from \$50,000 to \$350,000 the appropriation for the enforcement by the interstate commerce commission of that clause in the Hepburn act directing the commission to cause examinations permit. The committee also gave some consideration to Newland's Inland Waterways bill and decided to take up that subject next Saturday.

The sub-committee which has had the bill in charge has cut down the amount of the appropriation of the first year from \$50,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Originally it was calculated that much of the money would be derived from the sale of water power but if the action of the committee today proves decisive, and Newland's bills becomes a law, it will be necessary to seek other means for carrying it into effect.

SHOT BY SHERIFF.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 30.—According to a special to the Tribune from Glasgow, "Pigeon-Toed" Brown, a notorious outlaw and horse-thief, was shot today by a deputy sheriff.

DELEGATES GATHERING FOR THE DRAINAGE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The secretary of the National Drainage Association announces that he has received letters from all parts of the U. S. indicating that there will be a large gathering of delegates in attendance at the National Drainage Congress which is to assemble here on May 12 next. Not only have the

TESTIMONY OF CROCKER

In the Trial of Abraham Ruef

WATSON ALSO WITNESS

Crocker Had Talked Over the Matter of a Trolley Franchise With Ruef

2 CHECKS FOR \$15,000 EACH

The Prosecution Expects to Prove That These Two Checks, Making \$30,000 Was Sum Demanded by Ruef to Get Ordinance Passed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—William H. Crocker, the president of the Crocker National Bank and the principal stockholder in the Parkside Realty Company and Douglas S. Watson, secretary of the company testified today in the Ruef trial. Crocker said he had talked over the matter of a trolley franchise to both Ruef and Schmitz and both favored granting it. Crocker said he had no knowledge who Ruef employed as an attorney for his company in the matter of getting the franchise, and denied emphatically that Ruef ever demanded any compensation for his assistance in the matter. On the contrary the witness said Ruef had stated he did not accept money for any service he might render. Crocker was not cross-examined.

Watson reluctantly referred to the transaction by which he and Harry B. Umlsen transferred two pieces of property each receiving a \$15,000 check. The witness testified to having cashed these checks at the Crocker National Bank and of receiving 30 \$1000 bills. The prosecution expects to prove this was the \$30,000 demanded by Ruef to get the ordinance passed.

BLIND MENDICANT.

Fined \$30 and Costs Regains His Sight and Produces \$80.

CHICAGO, April 30.—A supposed deaf and partly blind mendicant, who had been arrested was fined \$30 and costs yesterday by Municipal Judge Wells. As if by magic, the man's hearing and eyesight were restored, and he took \$80 from one of his pockets and counted out the amount of his fine. He was then searched by the police and a bank book showing deposits of \$1452 was found. The man's name is Thomas Cantanzaro and he is 67 years old.